

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
PUBLIC SPEAKING  
MONDAY, JUNE 20, 2016  
6:30 PM  
City Council Chambers, City Hall  
45 Lyon Terrace  
Bridgeport, CT**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Council President McCarthy called the Public Speaking Session to order at 6:38 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

City Clerk Martinez called the roll.

The following members were present:

130<sup>th</sup> District: Kathryn Bukovsky, Scott Burns  
131<sup>st</sup> District: Jack O. Banta, Denese Taylor-Moye  
132<sup>nd</sup> District: M. Evette Brantley, John Olson  
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136<sup>th</sup> District: José Casco, Alfredo Castillo  
137<sup>th</sup> District: Aidee Nieves, Milta Feliciano  
138<sup>th</sup> District: Anthony Paoletto  
139<sup>th</sup> District: Eneida Martinez

A quorum was present.

**THE FOLLOWING NAMED PERSON HAS REQUESTED PERMISSION TO ADDRESS THE CITY COUNCIL ON MONDAY, JUNE 20, 2016 AT 6:30 P.M., IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, 45 LYON TERRACE, BRIDGEPORT, CT.**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>SUBJECT</b>
<b>John Marshall Lee</b> 30 Beacon Street Bridgeport, CT 06605	Fiscal State of the City and Property Agreements.

Members of the City Council,  
Greetings to you on the longest day of this year! You may get to see a “rose” or “strawberry moon” this evening, an unusual event that happens every few decades. Unfortunately I continue to carry these “rose colored rubber boots”, symbols of our being stuck in deficits through bad budgeting, excess expenditures and oversight failure. You have an oversight responsibility as a

body. How are you doing with that task? Have any of you asked yourself that question? How did you answer?

Tonight the Agenda has items that call for money explicitly. In terms of transparency there are three price tags identified on the Agenda tonight. Two of them refer to a denial by the Budget and Appropriations Committee. A Summer Youth Initiative to be funded at \$250,000 would move funds from a State Budget Contingency Account to Parks and Recreation in the same amount of \$250,000. The matter will be presented to the entire Council tonight.

There are questions of the nature of the programs, the number of youth for whom programs will be available, the number of employment opportunities afforded with such funds, etc. Why was the matter not addressed in the budget session some weeks ago? Did the administration not realize that summer was coming this year? The most significant provider of summer programs, to some 2600 youth, is Lighthouse. Why are they not the automatic beneficiary of these funds to expand their summer offerings? If the funds are to go to outside not-for-profit organizations, who are they? Where will the programs be located in the City? What age groups are targeted? Where is the devilish detail about the objectives and oversight?

Of most concern to me is the larger picture. I am not talking about the end of one fiscal year and the start of another though that will occur ten days from now as FY 2015-16 ends and FY 2016-17 begins.

- Do you know that I have been asking for a FINAL June 30, 2015 report at several City levels for months now? The best I can tell is that the City is willing to provide one next year for the FINAL June 30, 2016. After it closes, after adjustments are made in July and August and after it is turned over to external auditor and their report is issued in late December we can expect a Final Report. Such a report on the 'MUNIS system' takes only a few moments to prepare. We did not see those FINAL reports for 20 years until 2013 when several disturbing anomalies were revealed. Then 2014 was posted but not 2015. The open, accountable and transparent current administration feels it is unnecessary. I hope you disagree and will ask for one. Had one been prepared in March after the CAFR was issued mid-February, you would have had a much better handle on expense trends, simply stated, when you worked the budget. You were forced to work extra hard. What will be revealed for a year in which the last administration left all of us with bad news, in the red, on both balance sheet and operating budget?
- And with respect to monthly financial reports, the latest two months, March and April still show changes that ignored department codes, eliminated the monthly actual expenditure for April while providing it in March, and provided column headings in March but not in April. It makes review that much more difficult. Did you authorize or request such changes?
- Most important again in the big picture is their use of projection for more than 80% of the appropriation lines. In ten days each line will be 100% consumed! That's a lie. That is miscommunication to your body, as watchdog. For example, if you look at your Other Personnel Services and Special Services lines where less than \$115,000 has been spent through April and the City is telling you that over \$278,000 will be 100% spent by June 30. I will bet that your two accounts will show a surplus of more than \$110,000 when the dust settles, rather than being 100% spent. What you could do, would be to direct those

funds with a vote of the CC where you wish? And if the monthly report was formatted to show all actual amounts not spent, instead of eliminating that column, you might have a better grasp of where expenses stand.

You have responsibility. You have real power. You need to own these red boots and do everything possible to reverse the fiscal damage done in Bridgeport that has reduced property values, unnecessarily increased certain budgets beyond a breaking point, and that has ultimately, by level funding education without explanation hurt the youth of this City. \$250,000 for a last minute summer program will not correct this error in priorities. See you on July 5 when the new tax notices will have been sent and fireworks begin. Time will tell.

**Ernest E. Newton**  
190 Read Street  
Bridgeport, CT 06607

Bidding on Contracts Pertaining to the  
Purchasing Department.

Mr. Newton came forward to ask the Council why it was acceptable to have former felons working in the administration but it was not acceptable to allow bids from contractors who were former felons. He spoke about how the contracts were allocated and said that he knew “stuff” about the City that the administration did not want coming out.

**Frank Gyure, Jr.**  
74 Harbor Avenue  
Bridgeport, CT 06605

Towing and Booting of Tax Delinquent  
cars and the use of Foreclosure by the  
WPCA.

Council President McCarthy called Mr. Gyure’s name and there was no response. He announced that Mr. Gyure was the next speaker two additional times with no response.

**Clyde Nicholson**  
54 Wallace Street  
Bridgeport, CT 06604

Taxes.

Mr. Nicholson came forward and said that the City should ban automatic weapons and that the gun violence was increasing. He said that young Bridgeport residents were dying in the street and this has to stop. He said that the NRA supports the right to bear arms and people have assault weapons. Mr. Nicholson said that the only reason that people buy assault weapons was to kill people and they have to wait less than 30 days to get one. This is not what the Second Amendment intended. He said that while the State of Connecticut moved to ban guns, the rest of the United States did not. He asked the Council to make Bridgeport a ‘gun free zone’. There are stories in the news every day about people being murdered with guns and then politicians have the nerve to get on camera and say “I’m so sorry.” On Monday, the politicians said that they would get rid of guns but then on Tuesday, they voted to keep the guns. This does not make sense and people are dying because of it. If they say that they are going to vote one way, they should be held accountable for what they do. The people need to say, “I’m not going to take it no more.” The people need to hold the NRA accountable and people need to stand up and say that “We’ve had enough” and get rid of this Murphy guy.

*Council President McCarthy turned over the Chairmanship of the Public Speaking Session to Council Pro Tem leader Denese Taylor-Moye and left the meeting at 6:50 p.m.*

**Karen Jackson**  
189 Virginia Avenue  
Bridgeport, CT 06610

Charter and Ordinance Provision  
Violations.

Ms. Jackson came forward and announced that she was giving a portion of her time to Ms. Crystal Mack.

Ms. Jackson said that she was upset with the fact that her complaints about the bi-partisan Board of Education policy was not being followed. Ms. Jackson said that she had been before the Council before about the same Charter issue. She said that she had called the City Attorney several times and her calls had not been returned. Because of this, she was coming back before the City Council to find out why. Ms. Jackson said that she had filed an application with the Board of Education and never heard back. The Board of Education needs to have minority party representation.

**Ms. Mack** came forward to speak about all the WPCA foreclosures that were happening and the attorneys were the ones that were seizing people's property. She claimed that when they take people's property, there is no legal proof. This is wrong for the children and this is teaching the children the wrong principles.

Ms. Mack went on to speak about the prescription drugs and the children and mentioned Presidential Candidate Donald Trump. She asked if he was telling the truth. She said that the residents want take back their neighborhoods. She said that this was their neighborhoods and their history. She demanded that it be given back for their children and ended by saying "Shame on you."

**Mr. Cecil Young**  
Bridgeport, CT

Mr. Young came forward and said that he was not pleased that he, as an employee of the City of Bridgeport for over 25 years, had been let go from his job. He asked if the Council would ask an ordained reverend about this. He spoke about how he came to work for years and mentioned a State marshal. The remainder of his remarks were inaudible.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Council President Pro Tem Taylor-Moye adjourned the Public Speaking Portion of the Council Meeting at 7:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

S. L. Soltes  
Telesco Secretarial Services

City of Bridgeport  
City Council  
Regular Meeting  
June 20, 2016

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY, JUNE 20, 2016  
7:00 PM  
City Council Chambers, City Hall  
45 Lyon Terrace  
Bridgeport, CT**

**CALL TO ORDER.**

Mayor Ganim called the meeting to order at 7:48 p.m.

**PRAYER**

Mayor Ganim then requested Council Member Brantley to lead those present in prayer. Council Member Brantley requested a moment of silence in memory of Ms. Sarah Jones of the former P.T. Barnum housing project. Council President McCarthy said that he would also like to remember the victims of the Orlando Pulse Club shooting.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Ganim asked Associate City Attorney Anastasi to lead those present in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

City Clerk Martinez called the roll.

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A quorum was present.

**MINUTES FOR APPROVAL:**

**97-15 Public Hearing re: Disposition of City-Owned Property located at 134 Logan Street to Abutter.**

Mayor Ganim opened the public hearing on the Disposition of City-Owned Property located at 134 Logan Street to Abutter at 7:53 p.m. He asked if there was anyone present who wished to speak in favor of this item. No one came forward. He repeated this question two more times. Mayor Ganim then asked if there was anyone present who wished to speak in opposition to this item. No one came forward. He repeated this question two more times. Hearing none, Mayor Ganim closed the hearing on the Disposition of City-Owned Property located at 134 Logan Street to Abutter at 7:54 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL MINUTES: MAY 2, 2016 AND MAY 9, 2016**  
**(SPECIAL MEETING).**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER BRANTLEY MOVED THE MINUTES OF MAY 2, 2016 AND MAY 9, 2016.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER BUKOVSKY SECONDED.**

**\*\* THE MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF MAY 2, 2016 AND MAY 9, 2016 (SPECIAL MEETING) AS SUBMITTED PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**COMMUNICATIONS TO BE REFERRED TO COMMITTEES:**

**\*\* COUNCIL PRESIDENT MCCARTHY MOVED TO COMBINE AND REFER THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:**

**147-15 COMMUNICATION FROM OPM RE: PROPOSED BUDGET TRANSFER TO FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017 GENERAL FUND BUDGET TO ACCOMMODATE THE FY 2016-2017 SECOND CHANCE INITIATIVE PROGRAM FROM: STATE BUDGET CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT #01610000-57017 (\$50,000) TO: POLICE DEPARTMENT "OTHER SERVICES" ACCOUNT #01250000-56180 (\$50,000), REFERRED TO BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE.**

**148-15 COMMUNICATION FROM OPED RE: PROPOSED RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DISPOSITION OF EIGHT (8) CITY-OWNED PROPERTIES BY AUCTION, SALE TO ABUTTER OR BY SALE TO COMMUNITY BASED HOUSING DEVELOPMENT CORPORATIONS, REFERRED TO ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE.**

**149-15 COMMUNICATION FROM BOARD OF EDUCATION RE: GRANT SUBMISSION: STATE OF CONNECTICUT EARLY CHILDHOOD DEPARTMENT FOR THE SCHOOL READINESS GRANT PROGRAM TO PROVIDE PRESCHOOL SPACES FOR CHILDREN THAT ARE THREE AND FOUR YEARS OLD WHO RESIDE IN THE CITY FOR THE PERIOD OF JULY 1, 2016 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2017, REFERRED TO EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE.**

**150-15 COMMUNICATION FROM CITY ATTORNEY RE: TWENTY DAY NOTICE TO SETTLE PENDING LITIGATION PURSUANT TO MUNICIPAL**

**CODE SECTION 2.10.130 WITH MOUREEN MCQUENNIE, ACCEPTED AND MADE PART OF THE RECORD.**

**151-15 COMMUNICATION FROM CITY ATTORNEY RE: PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF ORDINANCES, AMEND CHAPTER 10.16 – PARKING METERS, REFERRED TO ORDINANCE COMMITTEE.**

**152-15 COMMUNICATION FROM CENTRAL GRANTS RE: GRANT SUBMISSION: NACCHO MEDICAL RESERVE CORPS CHALLENGE AWARD (PROJECT #17397), REFERRED TO ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE.**

**153-15 COMMUNICATION FROM CENTRAL GRANTS RE: GRANT SUBMISSION: UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING & URBAN DEVELOPMENT FOR BRIDGEPORT LEAD FREE FAMILIES GRANT (PROJECT #17372), REFERRED TO ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE.**

**154-15 COMMUNICATION FROM CITY ATTORNEY RE: PROPOSED RESOLUTION CONCERNING GRANT OF TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION EASEMENTS AND PERMANENT UTILITY EASEMENTS TO THE UNITED ILLUMINATING COMPANY (“UI”) REGARDING THE UPGRADE OF 115KV TRANSMISSION LINES FROM BAIRD SUBSTATION IN STRATFORD TO CONGRESS STREET SUBSTATION IN BRIDGEPORT, REFERRED TO CONTRACTS COMMITTEE.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER LYONS SECONDED.**

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**ITEMS FOR IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION:**

**155-15 Communication from City Attorney re: (Ref. #83-14) Proposed Second Amendment to Energy Service Agreement with Bridgeport Microgrid, LLC for the City Hall Microgrid Project FOR IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION.**

Mayor Ganim said that Council President McCarthy had requested that this item be referred to Committee.

**\*\* COUNCIL PRESIDENT MCCARTHY MOVED TO CHANGE AGENDA ITEM 155-15 COMMUNICATION FROM CITY ATTORNEY RE: (REF. #83-14) PROPOSED SECOND AMENDMENT TO ENERGY SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH BRIDGEPORT MICROGRID, LLC FOR THE CITY HALL MICROGRID PROJECT TO COMMITTEE FROM IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION TO REFERRAL TO THE CONTRACTS COMMITTEE.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER BRANTLEY SECONDED.**

**\*\* THE MOTION TO SEND AGENDA ITEM 155-15 COMMUNICATION FROM CITY ATTORNEY RE: (REF. #83-14) PROPOSED SECOND AMENDMENT TO ENERGY SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH BRIDGEPORT MICROGRID, LLC FOR THE CITY HALL MICROGRID PROJECT TO COMMITTEE PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO THE CONTRACTS COMMITTEE PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MATTERS TO BE ACTED UPON (CONSENT CALENDAR):**

**\*118-15 Budget and Appropriations Committee Report re: Municipal Suspense Tax Book.**

**\*135-15 Budget and Appropriations Committee Report re: Budget Transfer to FY 2016-2017 General Fund Budget From: State Contingency B Account #01610000-57017 (\$905,000) To: Board of Education Account #01800000-51000 (\$905,000).**

**\*144-15 Budget and Appropriations Committee Report re: Approval of Tax Anticipation Notes (TANS) To Pay Current Expenses and Obligations of the City.**

Mayor Ganim asked if there were any items from the Consent Calendar that the Council Members would like to have removed. Hearing none, he requested that City Clerk Martinez reading the items into the record.

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER BUKOVSKY MOVED THE FOLLOWING CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS:**

**\*118-15 BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: MUNICIPAL SUSPENSE TAX BOOK.**

**\*135-15 BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: BUDGET TRANSFER TO FY 2016-2017 GENERAL FUND BUDGET FROM: STATE CONTINGENCY B ACCOUNT #01610000-57017 (\$905,000) TO: BOARD OF EDUCATION ACCOUNT #01800000-51000 (\$905,000).**

**\*144-15 BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: APPROVAL OF TAX ANTICIPATION NOTES (TANS) TO PAY CURRENT EXPENSES AND OBLIGATIONS OF THE CITY.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER BRANTLEY SECONDED.**

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MATTERS TO BE ACTED UPON:**

**123-15 Contracts Committee Report re: Professional Services Agreement with LAZ Parking LTD. LLC to Improve Metered Parking as a public convenience and to enhance Economic Development.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO MOVED THE ITEM.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER BRANTLEY SECONDED.**

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED WITH 18 IN FAVOR (BURNS, BANTA, TAYLOR-MOYE, BRANTLEY, OLSON, MCCARTHY, HERRON, LYONS, VIZZO-PANICCIA, MCBRIDE-LEE, SALTER, CASCO, CASTILLO, NIEVES, FELICIANO, PAOLETTO, SMITH, AND MARTINEZ) AND ONE ABSTENTION (BUKOVSKY).**

**145-15 Budget and Appropriations Committee Report re: Budget Transfer to FY 2016-2017 General Fund Budget to Establish a “2016” Summer Youth Initiative Program From: State Budget Contingency Account #01610000-57017 (\$250,000) To: Parks and Recreation “Other Services” Account #01350000-56180 (\$250,000), DENIED.**

Mayor Ganim said that this item had been denied by the Committee and was just discussed in caucus.

Council Member Martinez asked for a point of personal privilege. She said that this was a program for Bridgeport’s youth. She then stated for the record:

“On the recommendation of several Council members to identify a line item other than Contingency B for the Summer Youth Initiative, the Administration has identified savings in the Police Salaries Line Item that will cover the cost of this initiative with no effect on the timing of the upcoming Police classes or Police Department operations.”

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ MOVED TO AMEND AGENDA ITEM FROM:  
AGENDA ITEM 145-15 BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE  
REPORT RE: BUDGET TRANSFER TO FY 2016-2017 GENERAL FUND  
BUDGET TO ESTABLISH A “2016” SUMMER YOUTH INITIATIVE  
PROGRAM FROM: STATE BUDGET CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT #01610000-  
57017 (\$250,000) TO: PARKS AND RECREATION “OTHER SERVICES”  
ACCOUNT #01350000-56180 (\$250,000)**

**TO:  
AGENDA ITEM 145-15 BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE  
REPORT RE: BUDGET TRANSFER TO FY 2016-2017 GENERAL FUND  
BUDGET TO ESTABLISH A “2016” SUMMER YOUTH INITIATIVE  
PROGRAM FROM: POLICE FULL TIME SALARY ACCOUNT #01251000-  
51000 (\$250,000) TO: PARKS AND RECREATION “OTHER SERVICES”  
ACCOUNT #01350000-56180 (\$250,000)**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO SECONDED.**

Council Member Martinez spoke about the Police program and how this proposed program would help the City’s youth.

Council Member Lyons then spoke about the program and said that she was not able to attend due to a conflict in scheduling. She said that she wanted to thank the Mayor, Tom Gaudett, and Police Chief Perez for making this program happen. She gave a number of examples of house a number of homes in her neighborhood that were up for sale. She said that the young people are

looking for something to do. The youth need a place to be and the youth need to be in a place of safety. She said that she was glad this would not effect the taxpayer or the students' education.

Council Member Brantley said that she would like to note for the record that all the Committee members were in support of the programming. This type of program is near and dear to her personally, but she did not want any misunderstandings that this was about not wanting the youth programs. She said that the Committee wants the youth programs. She said that she would be supporting this.

Council Member McBride-Lee spoke about her support of this program and was excited about what was happening in her neighborhood.

Council Member Vizzo-Paniccia explained that one of the issues in Committee was the lack of a clear contract being set up for the program. Mr. Nkwo came forward and gave some of the details. Council Member Vizzo-Paniccia said that it was not included in the budget. She said for the record that it is important to have a clear cut policy. Mr. Nkwo agreed.

Council Member Nieves spoke about her support for the amended agenda item. She also stated for the record that when she was 19 years old, and she needed the support. She asked that the program coordinators reach out for additional grant funding to continue the program after this year.

**\*\* THE MOTION TO AMEND AGENDA ITEM 145-15 PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO MOVED THAT DESPITE THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE BUDGET COMMITTEE TO REJECT ITEM 145-15 THAT AGENDA ITEM 145-15 – (PROPOSED BUDGET OF \$250,000 FROM THE POLICE FULL TIME SALARY ACCOUNT TO PARKS AND RECREATION “OTHER SERVICES” FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 16-17 GENERAL FUND BUDGET TO ESTABLISH A “2016 SUMMER YOUTH INITIATIVE PROGRAM) AGENDA ITEM 145-16 BE APPROVED AND TO AUTHORIZE AND EMPOWER THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS REASONABLY NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE AND ADMINISTER THE EXPENDITURE OF THESE APPROPRIATED FUNDS.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ SECONDED.**

Council Member Brantley said that she wanted to make sure that everyone understood that the Council Members were elected to do their due diligence for the tax payers and during the Committee meeting, the Committee members asked many questions.

Council Member Brantley said that she was glad that the administration had come up with another idea in order to be able to move the program forward. She said that she hoped the City would not have another summer like last year. Council Member Brantley pointed out that it was not the responsibility of the Council to raise these children. It is the responsibility of the parents and the families to raise their children. It is wrong to claim that what the Council does causes problems on the street. That's not right. Each and every one of the Council Members supports families. Everyone wants to have healthy children. Everyone has the same goal to make sure that the children are safe and to make sure that the children are educated and have a quality of

life in the City. Council Member Brantley said that she was born and raised in Bridgeport and loves the City. All the children need this.

Council Member Casco said that it would be important to have the City Council set the leadership and everyone should work together for the safety of the City's children.

**\*\* THE MOTION TO APPROVE PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Council Member Bukovsky requested that the vote on Agenda Item 123-15 be recorded as "Abstained". This was noted for the record.

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER BRANTLEY MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES TO ADD AN ITEM TO THE AGENDA REGARDING THE 2016 HEALTHY CORNER STORE INITIATIVE STATE GRANT. (PROJECT #16387).**

**\*\* COUNCIL PRESIDENT MCCARTHY SECONDED.**

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Mayor Ganim said that this item was for Immediate Consideration.

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER BRANTLEY MOVED AGENDA ITEM 120-15 GRANT SUBMISSION REGARDING THE 2016 HEALTHY CORNER STORE INITIATIVE STATE GRANT. (PROJECT #16387).**

**\*\* COUNCIL PRESIDENT MCCARTHY SECONDED.**

Council Member Olson asked for clarification. Council Member Brantley said that this was an initiative to bring fresh produce into the "food deserts" where are no larger supermarkets. Mayor Ganim said that this has come through committee.

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Council Member Brantley said that Mr. Vernon Thompson had produced a beautiful tribute for Father's Day and urged everyone to view this presentation. Bishop T.D. Jakes has also sent out an Instagram about this video.

**\*\* COUNCIL PRESIDENT MCCARTHY MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF APPOINTING A COMMITTEE.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER BANTA SECONDED.**

**\*\* THE MOTION TO APPOINTING A COMMITTEE PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**\*\* COUNCIL PRESIDENT MCCARTHY MOVED TO CREATE A SPECIAL COMMITTEE FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) WHICH WOULD CONSIST OF MILTA FELICIANO (CO-CHAIR); M. EVETTE BRANTLEY (CO-CHAIR); RICHARD SALTER, AIDEE NIEVES, NESSAH SMITH, ALFREDO CASTILLO AND SCOTT BURNS.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO SECONDED.**

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

- \*\* COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO MOVED TO ADJOURN.**
- \*\* COUNCIL MEMBER NIEVES SECONDED.**
- \*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.  
Respectfully submitted,

S. L. Soltes  
Telesco Secretarial Services.